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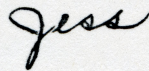
Dear Pat,

On March 17, 1989 Jerry L. White made his transition due to complications of AIDS. Though he spent the last twelve years in Santa Barbara, he was once a member of the planning committee that founded the Gay Center for Social Services. He also served gay San Diegans as a peer counselor and group facilitator at the Center during its first year of operation.

Jerry dedicated the last several years of his life (prior to his diagnosis) to the struggle against AIDS—founding the Tri-Counties AIDS Project and 12 other AIDS education and counseling organizations which exist to this day. Many San Diegans knew Jerry, but few were able to make it to Santa Barbara for his memorial service. For them I submit the enclosed poem, "The Business of Canaries" which was written by David Oliveira especially for Jerry.

I hope that you can find space to print it in Update. It is a very powerful statement and should have meaning for anyone who has struggled thus far in the AIDS crisis.

Love in the struggle,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jess".

Jess Jessop